

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 12, please replace paragraph [0041] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0041] In the following the invention will be described by way of example on the basis of the preferred embodiment with a standardized valve cluster 11, a supply duct 17 and two pilot control ducts 18a and 18b and accordingly with one distributor module 12, more especially illustrated in figures 2 and 3, having a supply duct section 22 and two pilot supply duct sections ~~22a~~ 23a and ~~22b~~ 23b. It will be clear that more than one and/or more than two supply duct or pilot supply duct sections 22, 23a and 23b may be provided. The supply duct section 22 and the pilot supply duct sections 23a and 23b are, in the mounted state of the distributor module 12 on the valve cluster 11, coupled with the supply duct 17 and the pilot supply duct sections 18a and 18b so that pressure medium or pilot control pressure medium may pass into the distributor module 12.

On page 13, please replace paragraph [0044] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0044] In the mounted state of the distributor module 12 on the valve cluster 11 the duct sections 22, ~~22a~~ 23a and ~~22b~~ 23b of the distributor module 12 are in-line with the respective ducts 17, 18a and 18b of the valve cluster 11 at the mounting area 26. The pilot control duct sections 23a and 23b respectively possess several redirecting portions so that they run to the interface 24, which is centrally placed.

On pages 13 and 14, please replace paragraph [0045] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0045] As shown in figures 4 and, respectively, figure 6 I through figure 6 IV by way of example the interface 24 is divided into three sectors 27a, 27b and 27c into which one respective duct section 22, 23a and 23b opens. The sectors 27a, 27b, and 27c have a cross section which is larger than the cross section of the opening duct sections 22, 23a, and 23b. The interface sectors 27a, 27b and 27c have a circular segment-like cross section and together

constitute a circular face, the interface sectors being arranged adjacent to each other and being separated from each other by transverse interface partitions 28, which given a suitable switching condition of the control element 25, described in more detail later, constitute a flow bridge 29 for pressure medium between two adjacent interface sectors 27a, 27b and 27 27c. It will be clear that other cross sectional shapes of the sectors are possible, for example rectangular, square or similar shape. The control element 25 is by way of example ~~represent~~ represented on the basis of a rotary switch mounted in a rotary manner on the interface 24. The rotary switch possesses three control sectors 30, which are designed to be complementary to the three interface sectors 27a, 27b, and 27c, and also preferably have the same configuration and size. The rotary switch is attached by an attachment means 31, preferably a screw, in a central manner on the interface 24. Between the rotary switch and the interface 24 there is a seal 32 in the form of a sealing ring, which is adapted to the shape of the control sectors 30, that is say covers both the circular periphery and also the transverse control partitions 33. Given an in-line alignment between a transverse interface partition 28 and a transverse control partition 33 a fluid-tight sealing effect is produced.

On page 14, please replace paragraph [0046] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0053] The rotary switch furthermore includes detent means in the form of detent spurs 24 34, which stand proud of the rear side of the rotary switch, more particularly diametrically opposite each other. The detent spurs 34 may on rotation of the rotary switch snap into detent grooves 35 formed at the interface 24, the detent grooves 35 being so distributed about the periphery of the interface 24 that in four different positions of the rotary switch snapping into position is possible so that four different switching positions and hence switching conditions may be set.

On page 15, please replace paragraph [0048] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0053] Using the distributor module 12 in accordance with this embodiment, it is possible for four distinct switching conditions to be set, which are represented by way of example in figures 5 I through IV and 6 I through IV. It will be clear that in the case of other working embodiments of the distributor module less or more than four switching conditions

may be set.

On page 17, please replace paragraph [0053] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0053] In the case of third switching condition able to be selected by selection of the switching symbol "3" all ducts or duct sections 22 and 22a 23a and 22b 23b are decoupled from each other as indicated in figure 5 III and 6 III. This is achieved by suitably setting the switch in relation to the interface 24 so that all transverse interface partitions 28 are aligned in relation to the transverse interface partitions and the interface sectors 27a, 27b and 27c are separated from each other in a fluid-tight manner. Accordingly n principal pressure medium (P) flows by way of interface 24 into the pilot control supply ducts 18a and 18b so that again it is necessary to provide for an external pilot control supply duct 18a. Since for this purpose only one pilot control supply duct 18a is necessary - in the case of principal valves 15 having two pilot control valves 16 division in the valve may be present - the other pilot control supply duct 18b may be employed for special applications. Such a special application is for example venting the pilot control valves 16 by way of this duct as a so-called "bundled exhaust facility".